IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Jaime Simon, Tipton T. Masterson, Alan D. Strickland, and Applicant (s):

Martha L. Hilton

Attorney Docket No.: 42801B

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Examiner: Unknown

For: WATER-SOLUBLE POLYMERS FOR THE REDUCTION OF DIETARY

PHOSPHATE OR OXALATE ABSORPTION

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL NO.

EL414238935US

DATE OF DEPOSIT: June 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF FEES AND PETITIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat any concurrent or future reply in this application which requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(1) as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 in this application to Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

Respectfully submitted,

Dragan J. Karadzic

Registration No.: 28,024

Phone: 979-238-2845

Date: June 26, 2001

2301 N. Brazosport Blvd., B-1211

Freeport, Texas 77541-3257

/alb

